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FM AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4946  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
AMEMBASSY ACCRA  
AMEMBASSY COTONOU  
AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
AMEMBASSY LOME  
AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE  
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA  
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO  
AMEMBASSY MONROVIA  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC, CPRS, EAIR  
SUBJ: ALLEGED DETENTION OF US CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 34057

1. IN ACCORDANCE PARA 3 REFTEL, CONGENOFF SPOKE TO CAPT DONALD W. THORPE OF SOUTH AFRICAN MARINE CORP. (SAFMARINE) TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEVVLE. CAPT THORPE INDICATED HE HAD RECEIVED TELEX FROM ALLEGHENY INDICATING HE WOULD BE CONTACTED BY USG REP.

2. THROPE SAID SAFMARINE TAKES POSITION THAT AIRCRAFT IS STILL U.S. PROPERTY (SAFMARINE HAS NOT RPT NOT YET PAID FOR IT) AND THAT IT STILL HAS US REGISTRY AND MARKINGS EXCEPT  
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FOR EMBLEM ON TAIL WHICH IS EMBLEM OF SOUTH WEST AFRICAN AIR-

LINES. SOUTH WEST AFRICAN IS WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF SAFMARINE. THORPE SAID HE HAD OBJECTED TO ORIGINAL ROUTE PROPOSED BY WORLD AVIATION SERVICES WHICH WAS ROBERTS FIELD, SAO TOME, WINDHOEK AND PROPOSED LIBREVILLE INSTEAD. RETURN TELEX SAID CREW WERE "CONSIDERING" LIBREVILLE BUT WOULD STILL PROCEED TO WINDHOEK BY FLYING 200 MILES OFF ANGOLAN COAST.

3. THORPE SAID SW AIRLINES MANAGER IN WINDHOEK HAD RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM "SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES" SAYING THEY HAD INTERCEPTED MESSAGE FROM MPLA TO LUANDA INDICATING MPLA HAD FORCED DOWN A U.S. PLANE. THORPE ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE. THORPE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CALL AND SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO COOPERATE WITH US IN EXCHANGING ANY FURTHER INFORMATION. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR CREW MEMBERS BUT SAID HE WAS RELIEVED TO HEAR THAT CORLEY WAS NOT RPT NOT ACCCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AS ON PREVIOUS DELIVERY FLIGHT TO WINDHOEK.

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